



SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

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P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, approximately ten million men, women and children have been cast out of the crucible of war in Korea—destitute, homeless, starving, almost naked—on the threshold of a severe winter; and

WHEREAS, tragedy struck their native country through no fault of theirs, desolating their farms and villages and cities, and is still continuing and threatening them with future invasions, halting rehabilitation and production; and

WHEREAS, America by Joint Resolution of Congress and Presidential proclamation has designated September as "National Clothes for Korea" month; and

WHEREAS, it is an American tradition to extend relief to the destitute, the sick, the sorrowing and afflicted everywhere, regardless of color, creed or race, or whether they are friends or enemies; and

WHEREAS, America is the richest land in all the earth and her people enjoy abundance and security from the never-failing source of supply produced in her factories and fertile farmlands; and

WHEREAS, there are incalculable stores of clothing—blankets, bedding, caps, mittens and other numerous articles of clothing unused and hoarded in closets, basements and attics everywhere throughout the great rich nation; and

WHEREAS, American countryside have never been torn and desolated by the scourge of war, and for that reason produce surpluses each year abundantly; and

WHEREAS, the time is now short to set the vast machinery of relief in motion before winter overtakes Korea;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, to hereby designate the remaining days of September, 1951, to the collection of millions of pounds of clothing for Korean refugees in cooperation with the national institution known as the "American Relief for Korea, Inc.", and urge all relief groups and similar institutions of charity and mercy to organize systematically to the end of efficiently achieving this gigantic task and thus saving the lives of the heroic and sincere sufferers in South Korea whose behalf our soldiers are so valiantly defending the 38th Parallel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 13th day of September, 1951.

ATTEST:

GERALDINE OSTROOT
Secretary of State

SIGURD ANDERSON
Governor

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